MOUNDS STATE PARK

Winter Workshop Series

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INTERPRETIVE CENTER WINTER HOURS:

Daily 9:00am - 4:00pm

All of our winter workshops will be held in the Visitor Center and **begin at 1:00pm**, unless otherwise noted. Workshops will last approximately 1½-2 hours. In the event of poor weather conditions, workshops may be cancelled; they will not be rescheduled. *There is no gate fee during the winter months*. To ensure we will have enough supplies for everyone, registration is required by the Wednesday before the workshop, unless otherwise indicated. To register or find out more about these great activities, call (765) 649-8128.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13- RECYCLED CARDS WORKSHOP

Ever wonder what to do with all those holiday cards you received this winter, now that the holidays are over? Bring your own cards or use ours!... we'll make them into exciting new decorations. Workshop fee \$1/person. No registration is required.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27- GRAPEVINE WREATH WORKSHOP

Wild grapevines can be considered a nuisance, as they cover other plants with their aggressive growth. But we can help the woodlands by removing these vines and using them for our craft. Add dried flowers, seasonal decorations, personal keepsakes, fishing lures, or just about anything, and you've got yourself a fun indoor/outdoor wreath. Workshop fee \$3/wreath. Pre-registration is required.

CHRISTMAS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28 - CONTAINER GARDEN: HERBS FOR HEALTHY LIVING

Grow plants, even in January!... just let the sun shine in your window on your container herb garden. Get your green thumb ready and learn to spice-up your food using fresh herbs. You'll get to plant several herbs to take home, and then we'll cook-up something delicious and nutritious for you to taste. Teacups and saucers make great herb planters... bring your chipped or cracked ones from home, or we'll have some for you here. Workshop fee \$3/person. Preregistration is required.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10- BIRDHOUSE/BATHOUSE BUILDING

What better way to get through the cold winter months than to think about spring and the arrival of some wonderful flying creatures. Build a house for your favorite bird or bat. Find out ways to keep your house in tiptop shape by learning to identify bird nests and how to keep away other pests! Call ahead and tell us which birdhouse or bathouse you'd like to make. Workshop fee \$7/house. Pre-registration is required.



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17 – GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT

7:00am, 11:00am, & 2:00pm - Which birds are spending the winter with us here at Mounds State Park? Take part in the 10th Annual Audubon Society's Great Backyard Bird Count. Tens of thousands of people will be outside (or looking through their windows) counting birds. You can be one of them! People of all ages and all levels of experience and skill can take part. Join us in the Nature Center's wildlife viewing room, or plan on hiking the trails at the park while you count birds. Visit www.birdsource.org/gbbc for more info. No registration is required, but seating is limited.



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24- RAPTORS RULE! LIVE BIRDS OF PREY

It's not everyday that you get to see live hawks, owls, and falcons in person. Local bird rehabilitator Diana Shaffer will show off her flock and talk about their amazing road to recovery. Don't miss this opportunity to get up-close... because Raptors Rule! Make sure to bring your camera! Activity fee \$2/person and donations will also be accepted. All proceeds benefit the Rescü Haus Rehabilitation Center. No registration is required, but seating is limited.

SATURDAY, MARCH 10- GEOCACHE OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

Never heard of Geocaching?! This new and fun recreation will have you exploring different areas of Mounds State Park. You'll navigate your way through the woods by using a GPS unit to find a cache (storage box with items inside.) Don't have a GPS unit?... come anyway and join another team, or we'll have some extra GPS units for you to borrow. If you have an extra unit, bring it along for someone else to borrow. All ages are welcome – so get your family and friends together and get ready to have an outdoor adventure! Be prepared to win great prizes - these will be awarded for different categories. We'll have refreshments in the nature center

afterwards to get you warmed up! Be sure to dress for the weather and wear comfortable shoes! Activity fee \$3/person or \$10 for a team of 4. Pre-registration is required.



SATURDAY, MARCH 17 - LEAVE NO TRACE WORKSHOP

This program is dedicated to inspiring responsible outdoor recreation. Join us in fun, hands-on activities and demonstrations that teach how to take it easy on Mother Earth, while enjoying the outdoors. Prizes awarded to all participants. Scout groups wanting to earn their Leave No Trace badge are welcome, but please call ahead. Workshop fee \$3/person. Pre-registration is required.

SUNDAY, MARCH 18 – STEPPING STONE WORKSHOP

As spring approaches, many of us begin to spruce up our lawns and start planting in our gardens. An easy way to add some decoration to your outdoor landscaping is by adding stepping stones. Here you'll learn how to make a neat stepping stone and take it home the same day! Workshop fee \$5/person. Preregistration is required.

SATURDAY, MARCH 24- NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

Got a new camera for Christmas and don't quite know how to use it? Mounds State Park is the best place



to learn how to take great photographs of nature, wildlife, landscapes, and more. You'll also have the opportunity to make a beautiful frame out of natural items to put your photograph in later. Dress for the weather, we'll be going outside for part of this workshop to snap some pictures! If you have a digital camera, bring along any wires necessary to download them on the computer, and we'll try to take a look at them during the workshop. Workshop fee \$3/person. Pre-registration is required.